

# OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES IN IDAHO



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# YOUR OHV DOLLARS AT WORK

Idaho Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) registration sticker fees fund education programs, trail clearing and maintenance projects throughout the state.

With your support each year, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) funds trail crews. These crews include Trail Rangers and Trail Cat operators that maintain thousands of miles of trail, remove downed trees, clear and install water drainage structures, and re-establish tread.



In addition to maintaining your favorite places to play, your OHV dollars fund valuable ATV/UTV and motorbike safety courses for all ages. IDPR OHV registration sticker money is dedicated money that is returned to the sport. The twelve dollar (\$12.00) fee collected for off-highway vehicle registration stickers is allocated as follows:

- Vendors receive one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for a handling fee.
- \$1 goes to Idaho Department of Lands to provide OHV opportunities.
- \$1 goes to county sheriffs for dedicated OHV law enforcement.
- 15% is utilized by the department for administration and for the production of registration stickers.
- The remaining 85% is utilized for the aforementioned trail maintenance and education programs.

# IDAHO'S TRAILS & RIDING AREAS

Visit IDPR's on-line mapping program at:  
[www.trails.idaho.gov](http://www.trails.idaho.gov).



Trail enthusiasts can go online and browse Idaho's motorbike, ATV, UTV and jeep trails. Once you've selected your riding area, you can print a map or download the file and take it to a third party to be printed at a larger scale. You may also export trails into Google Earth. From there, all of the popular Google Earth tools are available such as viewing in 3D and changing the orientation of the map. This project was completed using OHV registration fees.

In addition, most agencies provide maps to assist riders, indicating where OHV use is allowed. Telephone numbers of various land managing agencies are included in this booklet on page 4. Always contact the local land managing authority for current trail maps and riding information.



# ROUTE PLANNING

Idaho's public lands are managed by a variety of government agencies. These agencies determine OHV opportunities throughout the state and are responsible for mapping and management. Excellent OHV trail riding opportunities exist throughout the state, although route changes do occur. It is always best to check with local management offices to find out about current trail conditions/closures and travel requirements. The Forest Service and BLM conduct a detailed planning process to determine which routes are available for motorized travel. Because this planning process takes time to complete, different areas of public lands have different types of information and maps available about motorized recreation opportunities. The amount and quality of OHV route information and trail maps will improve as travel planning is completed and updated.

## FOREST SERVICE MAPS

Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are available for finding OHV opportunities on National Forest lands. Maps show information about the routes available for motorized access and recreation. They are available for every National Forest in Idaho and can be obtained at Forest Service offices or by mail. Some National Forests offer their maps online.

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MAPS

The BLM publishes two series of maps that show travel routes on public lands. These maps can be obtained at BLM offices or by mail.

## OHV RIDING AREAS AND TRAILS

Land use designations change. IDPR urges all riders to contact the appropriate agency for current travel opportunity guides and maps.

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## U.S. FOREST SERVICE

1. Idaho Panhandle National Forest  
(208) 765-7223 - [www.fs.usda.gov/ipnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/ipnf)
2. Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests  
(208) 935-2513 - [www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater](http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater)
3. Payette National Forest  
(208) 634-0700 - [www.fs.usda.gov/payette](http://www.fs.usda.gov/payette)
4. Boise National Forest  
(208) 373-4100 - [www.fs.usda.gov/boise](http://www.fs.usda.gov/boise)
5. Sawtooth National Forest  
(208) 737-3200 - [www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth)
6. Salmon/Challis National Forest  
(208) 756-5100 - [www.fs.usda.gov/scnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf)
7. Caribou/Targhee National Forest  
(208) 524-7500 - [www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf)

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

- A. Coeur d' Alene District Office  
(208) 769-5000 - [www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/CDA.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/CDA.html)
- B. Boise District Office  
(208) 384-3300 - [www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/BDO.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/BDO.html)
- C. Twin Falls District Office  
(208) 735-2060 - [www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/TFD.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/TFD.html)
- D. Idaho Falls District Office  
(208) 524-7500 - [www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/IFD.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/Districts-Idaho/IFD.html)

# OHV LAWS, RULES & REQUIREMENTS

The following information highlights Idaho's OHV laws and rules. It answers frequently asked questions about OHV activities on public lands, roads, and trails, and provides important contact information. Riders are cautioned that additional laws and rules may apply to the operation of off-highway vehicles.

For more information contact:

**Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation,  
Motorized Trails Office**

***Boise – Southwest Idaho***

5657 Warm Springs Avenue  
Boise, ID 83716  
(208) 334-4199

***Idaho Falls – Southeast Idaho***

4279 Commerce Circle, Ste. B  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401  
(208) 525-7121

***Coeur d'Alene – North Idaho***

2885 Kathleen Ave. Ste. 1  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
(208) 769-1511



## DEFINITIONS - IDAHO CODE 67-7101

- **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV)** means any recreational motor vehicle designed for or capable of traveling off developed roadways and highways with three (3) or more tires and fifty (50) inches or less in width, having a wheelbase of sixty-one (61) inches or less, has handlebar steering and a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.
- **DEPARTMENT or IDPR** means the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
- **MOTORBIKE** means any self-propelled two (2) wheeled motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, excluding tractor, designed for or capable of traveling off developed roadways and highways and also referred to as trailbikes, enduro bikes, trials bikes, motocross bikes or dual purpose motorcycles.
- **SPECIALTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (SOHV)** means any vehicle manufactured, designed or constructed exclusively for off-highway operation that does not fit the definition of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike as defined in this section.



- **UTILITY TYPE VEHICLE (UTV)** means any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, motorbike or snowmobile as defined in this section, designed for and capable of travel over designated roads, traveling on four (4) or more tires, maximum width less than seventy-four (74) inches, maximum weight less than two thousand (2,000) pounds, and having a wheelbase of one hundred ten (110) inches or less. A utility type vehicle must have a minimum width of fifty (50) inches, a minimum weight of at least nine hundred (900) pounds or a wheelbase of over sixty-one (61) inches. Utility type vehicle does not include golf carts, vehicles specially designed to carry a disabled person, implements of husbandry as defined in section 49-110(2), Idaho Code, or vehicles otherwise registered under title 49, Idaho Code. A "utility type vehicle" or "UTV" also means a recreational off-highway vehicle or ROV.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR OHV OPERATION

## TRAILS

These are the requirements for motorbikes, ATVs, UTVs and Specialty Off-highway vehicles operating off-highway on a designated trail, open riding area or motocross track.

- A valid IDPR OHV registration sticker. IC 67-7122
- A helmet under age 18. IC 49-666
- A muffler and Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test, SAE J1287. IC 67-7125

## STATE & FEDERAL ROADS

This includes Idaho Department of Lands, Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and privately owned roads open to OHV use. Contact the land owner or manager for information on roads open to OHV use.

- OHV Education Certificate for unlicensed operators. IC 49-302(11)a U.S. Forest Service Roads only.
- Valid driver's license (except under the age of 16 when supervised by a licensed adult operator). IC 49-301 or IC 49-302 *For purposes of this subsection, "supervised" means that the supervising licensed adult must be in a position, on another OHV to provide close support, assistance or direction, or if on the ground, within three hundred (300) feet of the unlicensed operator.*
- Liability insurance or alternative insurance. IC 49-1223 or IC 49-1232
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker IC 67-7122
- A helmet under age 18. IC 49-666
- Muffler and U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test, SAE J1287. IC 67-7125



## CITY & COUNTY ROADS

The following requirements must be met on city, county, and highway district roads. Certain roads may be closed by local jurisdiction. Check with local jurisdiction for information on roads open to OHV use.

- Valid restricted vehicle license plate. IC 49-402(4)
- Valid IDPR OHV registration sticker affixed to restricted vehicle license plate. IC 67-7122
- Valid driver's license. IC 49-301
- Liability insurance or alternative insurance. IC 49-1223 or IC 49-1232
- A helmet under age 18. IC 49-666
- Muffler and U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestor. Your muffler must be at or below 96dB at the half-meter test. SAE J1287. IC 67-7125

For safe operation on roads the following equipment is recommended:

- Brake light.
- Headlight and taillight after dark/poor visibility.
- Horn audible at 200 feet.
- Mirror showing roadway 200 feet behind the OHV.

## OHV WEIGHTS & MEASURES

### MOTORBIKE

Wheels/Tires: 2



### ATV (ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE)

Wheels/Tires: 3 or more

Steering: Handlebars

Seat Type: Straddle

Width: 50" maximum

Wheelbase: 61" maximum



### UTV or ROV (UTILITY TYPE VEHICLE)

Wheels/Tires: 4

Steering: Steering Wheel

Width: 50" minimum, 74" maximum

Wheelbase: 110" maximum

Weight: 900 pounds minimum to 2,000 pounds maximum



### SOHV (SPECIALTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE)

Any vehicle designed or constructed exclusively for off highway operation that does **not** fit the definition of an ATV, UTV or Motorbike. SOHVs include a buggy, modified golf cart, modified rock crawler, jeep or sand rail.



## LICENSE & REGISTRATION

Any OHV being operated on public lands, roads or trails of the state of Idaho must display a current IDPR OHV Registration Sticker, or a current OHV registration from the owner's state of residence.

### IDAHO CODE 67-7122

#### REGISTRATION EXPIRATION

All IDPR OHV registration stickers are valid through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the issued year.

### IDAHO CODE 67-7124

#### NON-RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS

Non-residents are required to have either a valid OHV registration from their home state of residence or a valid IDPR OHV registration sticker. Non-residents must purchase an Idaho restricted vehicle license plate with a valid IDPR OHV registration sticker if they don't have a plate and wish to operate on Idaho's local jurisdiction roads (i.e. county roads).

### IDAHO CODE 67-7122

#### IDPR OHV REGISTRATION STICKER PLACEMENT

The IDPR OHV Registration sticker must be visible and kept legible at all times. Placement for specific OHVs is noted on following page.



#### IDPR ANNUAL PASSPORT STICKER PLACEMENT

The IDPR Passport sticker must be visible and kept legible at all times.

ATV, UTV and SOHV - The sticker must be permanently affixed on the rear fender next to the IDPR OHV registration sticker.

Motorbike - The sticker must be permanently affixed on the riders right fork above or below the IDPR OHV registration sticker. Placement for specific OHVs is noted on following page.



#### FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards shall not be permitted to operate on state highways, interstates, or controlled access roadways.

## REGISTRATION STICKER PLACEMENT

**MOTORBIKE** – Riders right fork.



**ATV, UTV, SOHV** – Rear fender.



**\*\*PLACEMENT OF THE PARK PASSPORT WILL FOLLOW THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.**

## RESTRICTED VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE

– Lower right corner



**IDAHO CODE 49-114(10)**  
**MOTORBIKES CONVERTED FOR ON-HIGHWAY USE**

For motorbikes that have been converted to motorcycles (meet all equipment requirements to display the red, white and blue motor vehicle license plate) and are operated off-highway, the IDPR OHV Registration sticker must be displayed on the rider's right fork.

**IDAHO CODE 49-304**  
**MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT**

Operators of OHVs displaying a restricted vehicle license plate are not required to have a motorcycle "M" endorsement on their driver's license. The motorcycle "M" endorsement applies only to motorcycles displaying a red, white and blue motor vehicle license plate.



**IDAHO CODE 49-501**  
**TITLING**

If you acquired your motorbike or ATV after 1991, or your UTV after July 1, 2006 you are required to title it in your name. Proof of ownership (a title) is required to obtain a restricted vehicle license plate.

**IDAHO CODE 49-426**  
**AGRICULTURAL/SNOW REMOVAL USE EXEMPTION**

OHVs used exclusively on farms and ranches, or for other agricultural or snowplowing purposes, do not require an OHV registration sticker or restricted vehicle license plate. For any uses other than agricultural or snowplowing the OHV must be registered for that purpose.

**IDAHO CODE 67-7112****GROOMED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS**

GROOMED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS. Counties shall have the option to allow all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles over one thousand (1,000) pounds unladen gross weight, if numbered as a snowmobile, to use snowmobile trails in the county. No other vehicles shall operate on groomed snowmobile trails unless specifically allowed by the county. Any all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile over one thousand (1,000) pounds unladen gross weight operating on groomed snowmobile trails during the winter snowmobiling season when the trails are groomed shall be numbered as a snowmobile under the provisions of section 67-7103, Idaho Code. Violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction.

**IDAHO CODE 67-7125****OHV SOUND REQUIREMENTS**

OHVs operating in Idaho must be equipped with a USFS approved muffler and spark arrestor. The OHV cannot exceed 96dB when tested in accordance with the SAE J1287 sound testing procedure.

**IDAHO CODE 49-302 (11)a****UNLICENSED OPERATORS UNDER 16**

Any unlicensed operators under the age of sixteen (16) years, on national forest roads, must have completed a motorbike or ATV safety course approved by the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, and a certificate or other proof of completion of such safety course shall be in the possession of the unlicensed operator of any ATV, UTV, specialty off-highway vehicle or motorbike, or shall be present in the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is operated on national forest roads.

# EDUCATION, SAFETY, & ETHICS

## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE EDUCATION

**Be prepared and educate yourself before hitting the trail.** Your safety, and the safety of those you choose to recreate with is paramount. For that reason, the Department offers education opportunities statewide for motorbikes, UTVs and ATVs. Funded by Idaho OHV registration program dollars, courses are free and include ATV, UTV and motorbike rider safety, rules of the road and ethical use.

### YOUTH EDUCATION

The Department encourages anyone who will be operating off-highway vehicles to complete the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Responsible Riders OHV education course before operating on public lands. The course includes a home study manual, a 3-hour class with a written test and hands-on riding course. Courses are fun, free and offered at locations throughout the state.



## EDUCATION CLASSES TEACH:

- Rules of the Road
- Safe riding
- Proper machine sizing
- Weight distribution
- Responsible and ethical riding
- Proper handling and shifting
- Riding within your ability

## WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS:

- Parent (each student must bring one parent or legal guardian)
- Properly sized and registered off-highway vehicle
- DOT approved helmet, goggles or face shield, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, long pants & boots
- Snacks and water (optional)

To look at the IDPR Responsible Riders Course Schedule and to register for classes, visit:

<http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/atv-motorbike>

For additional information or to register, please contact Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's OHV Education Program at: [ohveducation@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto:ohveducation@idpr.idaho.gov)

Southwest Idaho - (208) 514-2414

North Idaho - (208) 769-1511

Southeast Idaho - (208) 514-2414





## ATV Sizing Chart for Recommended Rider Fit

**Brake Reach:** With hands placed in the normal operating position and fingers straight out, the first joint (from the tip) of the middle finger will extend beyond the brake lever and clutch.

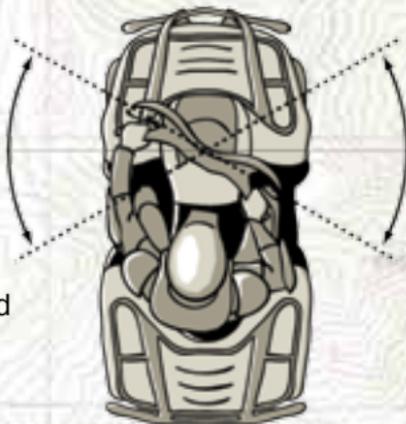


**Leg Length:** While sitting and with their feet on the footrests, the knee must be bent at least 45 degrees.



**Grip Reach:** While sitting upright on the ATV with hands on the handle bars and not leaning forward, there must be a distinct angle between the upper arm and the forearm.

The operator must be able to turn the handle bars from lock to lock while maintaining grip on the handle bars and maintaining throttle and brake control.



## RESPONSIBLE RIDERS

IDPR offers OHV education courses through its “Responsible Riders” OHV Education program. Courses in safe and responsible motorbike, UTV and ATV operation are offered to adults and to young riders ages 6 and up. Students completing the various courses earn their education certificates, and are on their way to becoming responsible motorized recreationists. Typically, motorbike, UTV and ATV courses are offered from April through October, weather dependent.

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER OHV INSTRUCTOR

Experienced riders who would like to volunteer their time to teach motorbike, UTV or ATV skills and safety to children in the Responsible Riders OHV Education program are encouraged to contact the OHV Education office for information on becoming certified as an OHV Education Instructor. (OHVEducation@idpr.idaho.gov)



## THE CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR MUST:

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Provide their own off-highway vehicle and transportation for classes.
- Teach two (2) courses annually.
- Complete specific training for each certification desired.
- Demonstrate a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to carry out program responsibilities.
- Demonstrate the abilities necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Certified Volunteer Instructor.
- Demonstrate an interest in facilitating course ethics based upon responsibility and respect.

## SAFE RIDING GUIDELINES

By following a few simple rules, OHV riders can ensure that every trip is a safe and enjoyable experience.

IDPR recommends the following safe riding guidelines:

- Take a safety course.
- Always ride in control.
- Ride within your abilities and your machine's capabilities. Never attempt anything that is beyond your skill level.
- Always wear the appropriate safety gear. At a minimum, this should include a helmet, shatter resistant eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, gloves, and boots that cover the ankle.
- Only carry passengers if your OHV is specifically designed to do so. Motorbikes and most ATVs are designed to be ridden by only one rider.
- A responsible adult should supervise riders under the age of 16 at all times.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Provide them with a map of your intended riding area.
- Be prepared for any emergency. Always carry a tool kit and spare parts, a first aid kit, and survival equipment when you ride. Carry plenty of extra food, water and fuel.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving home. For winter riders, always check the avalanche forecast before venturing into the backcountry. Avalanche information is available from the Avalanche Forecast Center at [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org).
- Never drink and ride. Alcohol and OHVs don't mix. Instead, they create a deadly and illegal combination.
- Respect private property by obtaining permission from the landowner before entering.



## TREAD LIGHTLY!

All riders must be good ambassadors for the sport. Generally, that means learning to share the trails with other users, as well as learning to take proper care of the environment where they ride. The following tips will help make you a more responsible rider.

- Protect your riding privilege by staying on the trail!
- Avoid riding in wet meadows or on stream banks.
- Avoid riding on steep and erodible slopes.
- Avoid riding over small trees and shrubs. Trampled vegetation not only looks bad, but also damages critical wildlife habitat and contributes to soil erosion.
- Always yield the right of way to non-motorized trail users. When encountering hikers or horses on the trail, pull over and shut off your engine. Remove your helmet and let them pass out of sight before restarting.
- Ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it. Trail widening is unsightly and expensive to repair.
- Do not alter the manufacturer's muffler system. Loud exhaust systems are annoying to other users.
- Honor seasonal and permanent trail closures.
- When overtaking others, follow at a safe distance until they signal you to pass. Be courteous while passing. A little bump of the throttle can leave a shower of gravel or a cloud of dust and an enemy behind you.
- Never harass wildlife or domestic animals that you may encounter while riding. Always view wildlife from a respectful distance.
- Never litter. Always carry out what you carry in. Carry a trash bag with you to pack out trash that you may come upon.
- Always choose to Tread Lightly® and protect the fragile environments where you recreate.

For more information on the Tread Lightly® program, please contact:

Tread Lightly  
298 24th St., Ste. 325, Ogden, UT 84401  
1(800) 966-9900  
[www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)



# PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE – GET INVOLVED!

**R**iding on public lands is a privilege, not a right.

Because it is a privilege, it can be taken away if riders don't do everything they possibly can to protect it.

Responsible riders know that one way to protect their riding privilege is to stay on the designated trails. They know these routes have been developed to provide them with great riding adventures. They also know that whole riding areas and trail systems can be closed because of the careless acts of irresponsible riders.

The Idaho OHV Public Outreach Project, a partnership involving your federal and state public land managing agencies, encourages all riders to:

- Protect Your Privilege—Stay on the Trail
- Educate yourself on riding opportunities through the US Forest Service and BLM designation process.



Protect your Privilege – Get Involved!

# GET INVOLVED

Join an OHV club or organization in your area and participate in their activities. Group rides provide a great way to meet new people and learn new places to ride.

## IDAHO OHV ORGANIZATIONS

- Idaho Trail Machine Association  
[www.tvtma.com](http://www.tvtma.com)
- Idaho State ATV Association  
[www.idahostateatv.org](http://www.idahostateatv.org)

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council  
[www.nohvcc.org](http://www.nohvcc.org)



- Blue Ribbon Coalition  
[www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org)



- Tread Lightly  
[www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)



- American Trails  
[www.americantrails.org/resources/motors/](http://www.americantrails.org/resources/motors/)

Another great way to make friends is to participate in trail maintenance days where groups clean and repair designated trails. Working on a trail can be both fun and satisfying. Groups are also working to increase the number of designated trails available to OHVs. All of these worthwhile activities happen because of volunteers like you.

Being a member of an organized and recognized club is the best way to voice your concerns and interests in the future of off-highway recreation opportunities in Idaho.





## THE IDAHO OHV PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

STAY ON TRAILS is an ongoing education campaign sponsored by a consortium of public agencies in Idaho, to help inform off-highway vehicle (OHV) users about the rules of conduct for off-highway vehicles on public lands.

The sponsoring agencies are the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Lands, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The multi-pronged campaign typically involves a mix of paid advertising including radio and outdoor ads, public relations activities and events.



If misused, OHVs can damage wildlife habitat and access to public land could be affected. Use your power responsibly. Stay on trails. Wear your helmet and ride safely. The future of OHV recreation is in your hands and your actions will make a difference.

# GET INVOLVED

## WORKING TOGETHER

Stay up to date with travel planning in Idaho and make your voice heard. Effective individuals and clubs are necessary to maintain motorized recreation in Idaho. Sustainable motorized recreation will require continuing partnerships to address road and trail maintenance, enforcement, and protection of natural resources.

## US FOREST SERVICE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE

(36 CFR 212, SUBPART B, DESIGNATION OF ROADS, TRAILS, AND AREAS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE USE)

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RULE

- The rule requires each national forest or ranger district to designate those roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicles.
- Designation will include class of vehicle and, if appropriate, time of year for motor vehicle use. A given route, for example, could be designated for use by motorcycles, ATVs, or street-legal vehicles.
- Once designation is complete, the rule will prohibit motor vehicle use off the designated system or inconsistent with the designations.
- Designation decisions will be made locally, with public input and in coordination with state, local, and tribal governments.
- Designations will be shown on a motor vehicle use map. Use inconsistent with the designations will be prohibited.

Protect your Privilege – Get Involved!



# TRIP PLANNING CHECKLIST

**L**ike anything else, a safe and enjoyable OHV ride starts with proper planning. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Leave a map of the area you will be riding. That way, if you need help, they will know where to look!

Always inspect your machine before every trip to make certain your OHV is in top mechanical condition. Take care of your body, ensure you are in good enough physical condition to withstand the rigors of OHV recreation.

Carrying a few basic items will also help in the event of an emergency. This checklist will help you remember the items you need to make every trip fun and safe.

- Plenty of extra water and food
- Extra fuel and oil
- Set of basic tools that fit your machine
- A basic first aid kit
- Extra spark plugs
- A flashlight
- A tow strap or rope
- Waterproof matches
- Duct tape and electrical tape
- A tire repair kit
- A map, compass, and GPS receiver
- Your cell phone or two-way radios
- Camera to record your adventures!

For extended trips, you might also want to consider adding the following:

- Spare throttle and brake cables
- Brake fluid
- Master links for chain repair
- A quality survival kit
- A spare tire or tube

# HUNTING & OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

The use of OHVs during hunting season is increasing dramatically. While OHVs make some areas more accessible, it is imperative that operators use trail etiquette.

- Know the vehicle use regulations for the area you are hunting. Contact the local BLM Field Office, Forest Service Ranger District or local Idaho Department of Lands office for travel management information before you go.
- Respect road and area closures.
- Stay on existing roads or trails. Do not contribute to resource damage and habitat destruction by creating new trails for others to follow.
- User-created trails are often poorly located within riparian zones or on steep slopes creating vegetation and soil impacts. Don't make the problem worse by continuing to use these routes.
- To cause less disturbance to hunters around you, access your hunting area before shooting hours and then hunt on foot.



- Retrieve harvested big game during the middle of the day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to reduce conflicts with other hunters.
- Have respect for other users. Slow down or stop your OHV when you approach others on the trail. When meeting equestrians, approach slowly, pull over and stop, turn off your engine, remove your helmet and ask how best to proceed.

- Avoid the use of OHVs in wet areas or during wet conditions. Even though the lighter weight and low-pressure tires reduce impacts, OHVs can still do serious damage to wet areas.
- Keep your OHV properly tuned and muffled to reduce exhaust sounds and emissions.
- Don't widen single-track trails by forcing your ATV or UTV down the trail.
- When overtaking others, pass in a safe and courteous manner.
- Limit OHV use in and around campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet and minimal disruption.
- Would you like to receive the DVD based on ethical use of OHV's for hunting?  
You can request a copy by e-mail:  
[ohveducation@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto:ohveducation@idpr.idaho.gov)

These are simple things, but they can go a long way toward reducing the impact of OHV use. They will protect the habitat and improve the Idaho hunting experience. Following these guidelines will reduce the need for more regulations and help retain the OHV opportunities that currently exist.

For more information regarding Idaho hunting and fishing rules, regulations, and seasons, contact:



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